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September 5, 2007

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Universal Service Certification
47USC 254(e); 47 CFR SECTION 54.314

Dear Madam Secretary:

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopting Rural Task Force's proposed framework for rural high cost reform. In its Order, the FCC concluded that the mandate in section 254(e) that universal service support be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended" applies to all carriers, rural and non-rural, that are designated as eligible to receive support under section 214(e) of the Act. Accordingly, the FCC's Order requires states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) stating that federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e). Absent such certification, carriers will not receive such support. The FCC's Order requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1, 2001, and October 1 of each subsequent year.

In Administrative Session on September 4, 2007, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) approved certification that the attached list of Georgia rural local exchange carriers will be using support received under section 214(e) consistent with the requirements of section 254(e) and are therefore eligible to continue to receive support under section 214(e) of the Act. The appropriate certification is also being conveyed to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

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The Georgia Public Service Commission respectfully submits this certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Baker, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert B. Baker, Jr.
Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission

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Attachment

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Georgia Rural Local Exchange Carriers
Universal Service Certification
47 USC 254(e); CFR Section 54.314

1. Alma Telephone Company, Inc
2. Blue Ridge Telephone Company
3. Brantley Telephone Company
4. Bulloch County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
5. Camden Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.
6. Chickamauga Telephone Corporation
7. Citizens Telephone Company. Inc.
8. Coastal Utilities, Inc.
9. ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
10. Darien Telephone Company, Inc.
11. Ellijay Telephone Company
12. Frontier Communications of Fairmont, LLC
13. Frontier Communications of Georgia, LLC
14. Georgia Windstream, Inc.
15. Glenwood Telephone Company
16. GTC, Inc.
17. Hart Telephone Company
18. Interstate Telephone Company
19. Nelson Ball Ground Telephone Company
20. Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.
21. Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
22. Plant Telephone Company
23. Planters Rural Telephone Co-op
24. Progressive Rural Telephone Co-op
25. Public Service Telephone Company
26. Quincy Telephone Company
27. Ringgold Telephone Company
28. Trenton Telephone Company
29. Waverly Hall Telephone, LLC.
30. Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company
31. Windstream Accucomm Telecommunications, Inc.
32. Windstream Georgia Communications Corp.
33. Windstream Georgia, Inc
34. Windstream Georgia Telephone, Inc.
35. Windstream Standard, Inc.